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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 681**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Carter**

February 21, 2007

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An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 101556) to Part 4 of Division 101 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 681, as amended, Carter. ~~Local health departments: San Bernardino County: report.~~ *San Bernardino County health department: pilot program: report.*

Existing law generally provides for the regulation of local health departments. Existing law requires each board of supervisors of a county to appoint a health officer who is a county officer, and prescribes the functions and duties of the local health officer with respect to the protection of community and public health.

This bill would authorize the San Bernardino County health department, on or before January 1, 2010, to establish a 5-year pilot program to develop a process for the preparation of a local health assessment and planning report that provides recommendations for the creation of a strategic plan for improving health care services provided within its jurisdiction, containing specified elements. The bill would

require the San Bernardino County health department, if it establishes this pilot program, to submit, on or before January 1, 2015, to the State Department of Public Health and the Legislature a copy of the completed local health assessment and planning report.

This bill would also state the findings and declarations of the Legislature concerning the need for special legislation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares both of the  
2 following:

3 (a) It is in the interest of the Legislature to assist local  
4 governments in providing health care services to constituents.

5 (b) Several of California's 61 local health departments currently  
6 issue regular periodic reports that include an assessment of the  
7 health of its jurisdiction and strategic plans to improve its health.

8 SEC. 2. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 101556) is  
9 added to Part 4 of Division 101 of the Health and Safety Code, to  
10 read:

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12 CHAPTER 1.5. LOCAL STRATEGIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND  
13 PLANNING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH JURISDICTIONS  
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15 101556. (a) (1) On or before January 1, 2010, the San  
16 Bernardino County health department may establish a five-year  
17 pilot program to develop a process for the preparation of a local  
18 health assessment and planning report ~~that provides~~ *that provides*  
19 recommendations for the creation of a strategic plan for improving  
20 health within its jurisdiction.

21 (2) A local health assessment and planning report prepared  
22 pursuant to this section shall include all of the following elements:

23 (A) A description of the current state of health of county  
24 residents within the jurisdiction of the department, differentiated  
25 by geography, age, race or ethnicity, gender, and income level.

26 (B) A summary of current methods or processes established to  
27 ensure the availability and quality of public health services and  
28 private health care services provided to county residents within  
29 the jurisdiction of the department.

1 (C) A list of recommendations for the following:

2 (i) Strategies to improve the health of *the* county's residents.

3 (ii) Strategies to eliminate disparities in the access to, and quality  
4 of, public health services and private health care services available  
5 to residents of the county.

6 (iii) A projected timeline to meet strategic planning goals given  
7 expected resource levels.

8 (iv) A mechanism for the ongoing evaluation and reassessment  
9 of the health of the residents of the county.

10 (b) The creation and development of the local health assessment  
11 and planning report shall involve participation from multiple  
12 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the public, local health  
13 department managers and employees, representatives from  
14 nonprofit agencies involved in health issues, local hospitals and  
15 other health care organizations, mental health organizations,  
16 community-based organizations, local businesses, and other  
17 relevant community and neighborhood groups. The San Bernardino  
18 County ~~local health department~~ *shall may* also institute a  
19 community-based planning process modeled after Mobilizing for  
20 Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) principles,  
21 which is a research-based community planning model designed to  
22 provide a strategic planning tool for improving community health.

23 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, the San Bernardino County  
24 health department, if it establishes a pilot program pursuant to this  
25 section, shall submit to the State Department of Public Health and  
26 the Legislature a copy of the completed local health assessment  
27 and planning report required to be prepared pursuant to subdivision  
28 (a).

29 SEC. 3. Due to the unique circumstances concerning the County  
30 of San Bernardino, the Legislature finds and declares that a general  
31 statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section  
32 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution. Therefore, this act  
33 is necessarily applicable only to the County of San Bernardino.